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Dear Doctor Brock:

This is in reply to your letter of December 20. We did see the Wrights and were happy to see that Mari was holding up pretty well.

I do not think that I would recommend Heumann for your position - he is capable enough in some respects but I do not think his particular talents quite match your needs. Peter Day I did know pretty well at Madison and have seen once or twice in London since then. I think he would be a very good possibility for you whether he worked on some problem in fungus genetics of his own choice or whether he were interested in following up studies on the genetics of symbiotic bacteria. He is a likeable as well as competent associate and I would think has pretty much the kind of background you would be looking for. David Lewis in London could probably give you a more detailed account of Peter but I would think that he is as likely a candidate as you are going to turn up.

Yours sincerely,

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